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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At about 2000 on 4 April 1955, a shipment of 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 26 trucks and 8 boxcarloads of troops was unloaded at the Ostbahnhof in Naumburg. In the early morning of 5 April, a second shipment of 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 9 x 85-mm AA guns, 22 trucks and 8 boxcarloads of soldiers was unloaded. The two shipments left for the Bismarck Kaserne (8385).<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. After the return of the AAA unit, the Bismarck Kaserne was from 22 March to 4 April occupied to capacity by 1,200 to 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the AAA unit, the installation also quartered an ordnance repair shop. Howitzers of 152 mm were repeatedly observed there.<sup>1</sup>
3. Between 22 March and 4 April, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) was occupied by a headquarters of some 400 men and a motor vehicle repair shop. The former stables on the railroad line were reconstructed for housing purposes.<sup>2</sup>
4. Between 22 March and 4 April, some 300 soldiers of the corps signal unit returned to the Barbara Kaserne (8384). Local residents stated that the unit participated in an exercise in the unit Eisleben-Hettstedt-Aschersleben area. A radio truck with rod antenna was seen in the installation.<sup>3</sup>
5. Between 22 March and 4 April, the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) was occupied by the following units:

an engineer unit of approximately 600 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets;  
 an artillery unit of approximately 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 76-mm guns. Eight of these guns were being cleaned. Two 160-mm mortars were seen near the installation; and  
 a unit of some 300 soldiers, equipped with 4 SU-76 guns, some 40 trucks and 1 salvage tank.<sup>4</sup>

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6. Between 22 March and 4 April, the Bluecher Kaserne was occupied by an infantry unit of approximately 1,200 soldiers. Training was almost daily observed at the Knabenberg and Sperlingsholz post training grounds. 4
7. On 29 March, a train of flatcars carrying 22 T-34/85 tanks and 15 boxcars passed through the Naumburg railroad station and proceeded toward Erfurt. 5
8. On 29 March, the following trains passed through the Weissenfels railroad station and proceeded toward Halle:

At 0900, a shipment of 16 x 76-mm AT guns, 25 trucks and 8 sedans; and at 1100, a shipment of 8 T-34/85 tanks, 30 trucks and 4 sedans. 5

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1. Comment. [redacted] major elements of the 498th AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from the Bismarck Kaserne had been entrained for an undetermined firing range. The observation in the Bismarck Kaserne of guns other than AA guns may be explained by the presence in the installation of an ordnance repair shop, presumably belonging to the corps. 25X1
2. Comment. In addition to the Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the Hindenburg Kaserne is believed to quarter the 89th Gds Sig Bn. 25X1
3. Comment. [redacted], the 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps left on 8 March and elements returned to the post between 10 and 20 March. [redacted] The battalion presumably participated in exercises of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 21st Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
4. Comment. Four SU-76 guns were previously observed in the Hubertus Kaserne. [redacted] They are believed to belong to the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, the bulk of which is stationed in the Bluecher Kaserne. According to available information, the equipment of the 655th How Arty Regt stationed in the Hubertus Kaserne consists of 122-mm howitzers and 160-mm mortars. The assignment of the 76-mm guns, which were repeatedly observed in this installation, cannot be determined. 25X1
5. Comment. The units on the trains cannot be identified. 25X1

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